

PATENT

**PENDING CLAIMS AS AMENDED**

Please replace claim 1 as follows. A marked up version of the amended claim is attached as Appendix.

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1. A method of quantizing information about a parameter of speech, comprising:  
generating at least one weighted value of the parameter for at least one previously processed frame of speech, wherein the sum of all weights used is one;  
subtracting the at least one weighted value from a value of the parameter for a currently processed frame of speech to yield a difference value; and  
quantizing the difference value.